

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

IN RE: CENTURYLINK SALES
PRACTICES AND SECURITIES
LITIGATION

MDL No. 17-2795 (MJD/KMM)

This Document Relates to:
Civil File No. 18-296 (MJD/KMM)

**LEAD COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LITIGATION EXPENSES**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Rule 23(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Court's Order Preliminarily Approving Settlement and Authorizing Dissemination of Notice of Settlement Pursuant to Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(1) (*Craig v. CenturyLink, Inc.*, No. 18-cv-296 (MJD/KMM), ECF No. 360), Lead Counsel Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP and Stoll Stoll Berne Lokting & Shlachter P.C. (collectively, "Lead Counsel") will and hereby move the Court, before the Honorable Michael J. Davis, on July 20, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., either in person at the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, Courtroom 13E of the Diana E. Murphy United States Courthouse, 300 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415, or by telephone or video conference (in the discretion of the Court), or at such other location and time as set by the Court, for entry of an Order awarding attorneys' fees and litigation expenses. The motion is based on (a) the Joint Declaration of Michael D. Blatchley and Keil M. Mueller in Support of (I) Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and Plan of Allocation and (II) Lead Counsel's Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and

Litigation Expenses; (b) the Memorandum of Law in Support of Lead Counsel's Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Litigation Expenses; and (c) all other papers and proceedings herein. A proposed Order granting the requested relief will be submitted with Lead Counsel's reply papers after the June 29, 2021 deadline for objecting to the motion has passed.

Dated: June 15, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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